

# VERIFICATION RESULTS OF FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

## Montana Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

### School Year 2010-11

The results of verification for school year 2010-11 in Montana are positive and indicate a good level of integrity in the administration of the School Nutrition Programs in Montana. Only 21 (9.5%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate from households selected for verification (meaning that more than 20% of the household applicants selected for verification at their school did NOT respond). This is a slight increase from the previous year where 11 (4.98%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate, and 5 were repeats from the previous year.

Of the 89.72% of households that responded, error (indicated by a change in meal benefits, either positive or negative) was found in 14.72% of applications. That means 85.28% of all applications verified in Montana during 2010-11 were correct at the time that they were turned in and 10.29% did not respond, therefore their error rate is undetermined.

School districts will qualify for the random sampling verification method during the 2012-13 school year if they achieve a response rate of 80 percent or higher from households during the 2011-12 school year. *School districts are strongly encouraged to conduct aggressive follow-up to get 100 percent response rate during the fall 2011 verification process.*

#### Total Household Results of Verification, By Category

	Free Eligible based on FS/TANF/FDPIR Case Number		Free Eligible based on Income/Household Size		Reduced-Price Eligible		Response Category Totals	
	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Total applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>
<b>Responded and No Change</b>	100	14.29%	264	37.71%	161	23.00%	<b>525</b>	<b>75.00%</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Free</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	4.29%	<b>30</b>	<b>4.29%</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Reduced</b>	0	0.00 %	24	3.43%	N/A	N/A	<b>24</b>	<b>3.43%</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Paid</b>	1	0.14%	13	1.86%	35	5.00%	<b>49</b>	<b>7.00%</b>
<b>Did NOT respond</b>	4	0.57%	38	5.43%	30	4.29%	<b>72</b>	<b>10.29%</b>
<b>Total Applications Verified</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>15.00%</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>48.43%</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>36.57</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>100.00%</b>